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STATE FUNDED VACCINE

Due to the Governor's commitment to the immunization of Indiana's children, the Immunization Program has received additional funding for vaccine purchase. The end result of this funding will be an increase in childhood immunization rates around the state.

Providers who meet the qualifications below may access this funding.

- You must be enrolled in the Vaccine for Children (VFC) program.
- You must be enrolled in CHIRP and use the Inventory Management component of CHIRP.
- You will order state funded vaccine on a separate order form.
- All State funded vaccine use must be recorded in CHIRP through the Inventory Management component (administered shot rather than historical shot).

State funded vaccine will be limited to children who meet ***all*** of the following requirements:

- 0–35 months old at time of vaccination
- Not eligible for VFC vaccine at the VFC provider facility
- Receiving any of the following vaccine(s)
 - DTap
 - DTaP – Hib
 - Hep A Pediatric
 - Hep B Preservative Free Pediatric
 - Hep B – Hib

- Hib
- MMR
- Varicella
- Polio
- Prevnar
- Pediarix
- RotaTeq

To sign-up to receive state funded vaccine please send a letter via fax [(317) 233-8827] or e-mail [pelewis@isdh.in.gov] to Penny Lewis stating that you are a current VFC provider (include your VFC PIN), enrolled in CHIRP and use CHIRP inventory management. Once approved, you will receive a separate order form for state funded vaccine.

Holiday Shipping Changes for VFC Vaccine

Due to upcoming holidays, vaccine shipping will be adjusted to avoid office closures. The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) will request that McKesson not ship vaccines to arrive on the following dates: December 24 - 28; and January 1, 2008.

Ordering VFC Vaccine

Remember to use the new order forms. The new forms have your order cycle in the upper right hand corner. If you need a new form, please call (800) 701-0704 and tell the receptionist that you need a new order form.

Remember that orders should be submitted from the 25th of the previous month through the 5th of the month you are ordering for (example: if you are ordering for January you may submit your order from December 25 through Jan 5).

Storing VFC Vaccine

Please be sure your entire staff is familiar with the handling of vaccine shipments. All vaccine should immediately be put in the refrigerator, except Varicella vaccine which needs to be stored in the freezer.

Storage instructions are clearly marked on the shipping containers. While you should have one staff member assigned to handle VFC vaccine shipments, all staff should be aware of the critical importance of maintaining the cold chain and making certain that vaccine is immediately stored properly.

Flu Vaccine Update

We now have doses of Fluzone 0.25 preloaded syringes for ages 6 to 35 months available for providers who need more. Be sure to send in your order requests allowing for the vaccine ordering and holiday shipping considerations noted above.

Screening Questionnaires available from the Immunization Action Coalition

The Immunization Action Coalition (IAC) is now offering screening questionnaires in languages in addition to English). To access all updated materials go to <http://www.immunize.org/index.htm>.

Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) Survey – Please Participate

To complete a satisfaction survey for CHIRP users, please log-in to the CHIRP application at <https://chirp.in.gov> using your log in information and go to the patient search screen, and click on the link above the Patient Search box.

CHIRP User Group Meeting

Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.

December 12, 2007 – MARION COUNTY

9:30AM - Noon CST

Indiana State Department of Health

8th Floor Training Room

2 North Meridian Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

CHIRP Issues

- CHIRP was upgraded last week and crashing issues have been alleviated. There are still times when CHIRP may be slow in loading a page or require a user to resend or refresh the request.
- CHIRP is currently forecasting Rotavirus as invalid for those children who receive dose one past 12 weeks of age, which is correct. The vendor is attempting to accommodate the ACIP recommendation that states the series should be continued if the first dose is given \geq 13 weeks.

CHIRP Tip

While positive and negative PPD test results may be recorded in CHIRP, CHIRP was never intended to serve as a medical record. With that in mind, all positive and negative PPD tests will be removed from CHIRP as of December 18, 2007 at close of business. If CHIRP is the only method of recording positive or negative PPD test results, please use this time to make other arrangements. In early 2008, the option to record positive and negative PPD test results will be removed from CHIRP. The option to record PPD test dates will remain.

Immunizations: A-to-Z Training

To register, contact: Jodi Morgan, Health Educator, 317-650-5051 or email jmorgan@isdh.in.gov

December 13, 2007

9AM-1:30PM

Redi-Care, Inc

2120 N Detroit St

LaGrange, Indiana

This training event is open to all providers.

Vaccine for Children Enrollment Training

VFC Enrollment Update & Review training is now available for providers wishing to have a refresher class in the Vaccines for Children program. Contact information is listed below for each region if you need more information:

Sharon Griffin
Southern Region
Cell: 317-670-8826
email: sgriffin@isdh.in.gov

Jodi Morgan
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Contact Us

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:
Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov or 800-701-0704.